

Appl. No. 10/527,243
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (currently amended): A device for protecting an irritable surface of the skin of a leg against irritation from contact with an irritable snug fit surface fitted around the leg adjacent to the skin, such as a surface of footwear extending towards the skin of the leg, said device comprising:

a body with an underside, and an upper side and a protective part, said body adapted for placing around at least a forward part, comprising the irritable surface of the skin to be protected from irritation, of a leg above the foot as seen in a vertical direction,

wherein the body comprises a material with elastic properties,

wherein the body at least partially encloses the leg as seen in a horizontal direction, and

wherein the protective part of the body, which in use is adjacent to the skin to be protected, that extends between the skin and the irritable surface of the skin, only consists of the comprises elastic material and the protective part of the body is capable of fitting between a leg and the snug fit surface.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein a substantial part of the body, after being placed around a leg, wholly encloses the leg in a horizontal direction.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the underside of the body is provided with a recess for placing on the front side of a leg.

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Claim 20 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 17, further comprising at least one support member for supporting a part of the leg adjacent to the member after placing around a leg.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 20, further comprising two support members on the inner side of the body, which are arranged substantially on either side of the front side of the body.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 20, wherein the at least one support member comprises the same materials as the body.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the thickness of the body is variable.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the dimensioning is chosen such that the device fits closely around a leg.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the body comprises a plastic.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the body comprises neoprene.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the body comprises foam or memory foam.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the body comprises rubber or latex.

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Claim 29 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 17, further comprising fastening means for fastening the body around a leg.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 29, wherein the fastening means comprises a hook and loop fastening ~~such as Velcro tape~~ material.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the body is fastened in substantially cylindrical or conical form along a substantially vertical seam.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 17, further comprising markings for removing at least a part of the body therealong.